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Personally appeared before me this day J. C. Paxton, general manager of The Sun, who affirms that the above statement of the circulation of The Sun for the month of May, 1904, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

W. F. PAXTON,
Notary Public.My term expires Feb. 6, 1906.
June 1, 1904.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress.
Hon. J. C. Speight, of Graves County.

DAILY THOUGHT.

We learn in moments of joy. Play in education; pleasurable animation is necessary to growth.—Philistine.

THE WEATHER.

Showers tonight and cooler. Wednesday fair.

NIPPED IN THE BUD.

The council last night by rejecting the proposed compromise with the Western Union Telegraph company, saved the city from much possible embarrassment and loss of revenue. In the first place, it was very unwise for the city to accept the proposition of Attorney J. C. Flournoy to collect back pole license due the city from telegraph companies, for 50 per cent of what he collected. If the city is entitled to any license at all on telephones or telegraph poles, it should collect every dollar of it, and if the city is not, it should not collect a cent. If the money is due the city, there ought to be some way to get it without paying a lawyer half.

But however that may be, last October Attorney J. C. Flournoy filed with the city a proposition for his firm to collect the license of \$1 on each telegraph pole inside the corporation limits. He had been out speaking for the Democratic ticket, and had no trouble in getting the proposition accepted. It was ratified by both boards in November of last year, and was for collecting only the license then due on poles, which did not mean the license that might thereafter fall due, such as the license in 1904 which he has since attempted to also settle for, or the franchise tax or license to do business, which he also attempted to settle for three years in advance.

Little more was heard about the contract until the other day when he reported a compromise with the Western Union Telegraph company. The board of aldermen took in the bait with its eyes shut, but the council happened to be more alert, and last night sat down hard on the compromise. It is difficult to determine, from reading the compromise, which the attorney represents in the matter, the city or the telegraph company. Here are two clauses of the compromise he wanted the city to make with the Western Union.

"2. I do further agreed that the number of poles which the Western Union Telegraph Co. has erected and is using within the limits of said city, that said telegraph company agrees upon the due delivery of this contract, city of Paducah the sum

of \$260, being the amount of said pole tax for the years 1903-1904. The same to be in full satisfaction of said city's claim for franchise taxes, for license taxes, and for taxes on the telegraph poles, during all past years, and also for the current year of 1904.

"3. The city of Paducah hereby agrees that it will hereafter, during the existence of this contract, accept said annual tax upon the tangible property of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the payment of \$1 upon each of its telegraph poles as aforesaid, in full satisfaction of all taxes to be paid by said company, and that it will not, during the existence of this contract, either assess or levy against said telegraph company any additional tax by way of license or franchise."

It developed last night that the amount the city claims the Western Union owes it for back pole license is \$745, as shown by figures furnished by former Clerk Patterson. Yet this attorney suggests that the city of Paducah accept \$260 (the city to give him half,) for this \$745, for the \$100 license due the city this year and for franchise taxes due—or more explicitly, "in full satisfaction of said city's claim for franchise taxes, for license taxes and for taxes on the telegraph poles during all past years, and also for the current year of 1904."

It is not only for past years, it will be seen, but for the money due the city this year for franchise tax, pole tax, and license tax, the latter alone being \$100. When the attorney got his half the city would have the large and beautiful sum of \$130 left to represent the \$745 due for back pole tax, the franchise tax for this year and past years, which amounts to only a few dollars, however, and the \$100 annual license.

But this is not all. The compromise the city was asked to ratify makes the same basis of settlement effective for three years more—until 1907. During those three years the city would have found had it accepted the compromise, that it could get only \$1 on each of the company's 130 poles, and that this \$130 would have to represent the \$100 license, the franchise tax, and the pole tax. It is not known whether the attorney would have wanted half of this \$130 collected in the next three years, or not, under his contract to get half of what he got. He was authorized to settle for only the pole tax and, has attempted to settle for also the franchise and the license tax.

No wonder the Western Union wanted to compromise! The other companies are fighting this license of \$1 a pole, but the Western Union comes forward and wants to compromise! Compromise how? Why, by getting a three year contract with the city to pay \$130 a year for franchise, license and pole tax. Most any of them would like to do it. And possibly the others would have been given a chance if this neat little skin game had gone through as well as it is at first promised.

The council deserves credit for getting next. The city should collect all that is coming to it. If it is entitled to a \$1 license on poles in the city, it should collect the dollar and keep it, not give half of it away to some one for doing what we already have paid city officials to do.

SLIDING SCALE OF LICENSES.

Louisville is to have a city ordinance establishing a sliding scale of licenses for professional men. Those whose incomes are \$3,000 or under will have to pay a license of about \$10 a year, and those whose incomes are above will have to pay at the rate of about \$10 for every \$1,000 over \$3,000. The ordinance promises to cause a legal fight, but the opinion of most of the prominent lawyers interviewed seems to indicate that the law will be constitutional and be sustained by the courts.

The old howl of "class legislation" will probably be raised, but attorneys claim it will not be class legislation. They allege that if a man earns \$10,000 in a community he should pay towards the support of the government a larger license than a man in a similar business who earns only \$1,000 or \$5,000; just as a man who owns \$10,000 worth of property is required to pay more taxes than the one with \$1,000 or \$5,000 worth of property. Paducah now has a similar sliding scale of licenses for merchants, those with a small business paying a small amount a year, and those with a big business a big license, the license being based on the number of clerks their business justifies. Those whose business requires only a few clerks, thus do not have to pay as much as those who have a business requiring perhaps a dozen or more, and in this

way the big men and concerns in a city pay a larger proportion of the license revenue than the small ones.

WHY NOT HERE?

A short time ago the board of public works decided to try oil on the streets of Paducah as a preservative and dust settler. It is regretted that nothing further has been heard of the experiment and is to be hoped that the matter will be taken up at once.

A Lexington, Ky., dispatch indicates that oil there has proven highly satisfactory and when all the streets are oiled will make Lexington the only city in the country free from dust. The dispatch adds:

"The city has completed the oiling of 66 blocks of the city streets, and the innovation has proved such a success that contracts will be let for the remaining four miles to be oiled in the same way, so as to complete the circuit of the entire city. When the remaining streets are oiled there will be absolutely no dust in the city and Lexington will have the distinction of being the first city in the United States to be free from dust by such a process."

It seems useless to attempt to fix the responsibility for great disasters. When one occurs the outraged public begins to look about for some one to vent its wrath on. In the Slocum disaster it is claimed the life preservers were worthless and the boat unsafe. The steamboat men retort:

"If they were it is up to the inspectors. They inspected the boat and said it was all right." This is the same thing that happened in Chicago after the Iroquois disaster. It was claimed the theater was unsafe, inadequately equipped, and not in accordance with the building ordinance. The reply was: "The building was inspected by paid officials and allowed to open." If those whose duty it is to see that the public is protected in such matters would faithfully perform that duty, a great many lives would be saved.

In Japan they don't ask a public officer to resign. They suggest that he commit suicide, which often precludes unpleasant complications. Admiral Kaminuri, who allowed Japanese transports to fall into the hands of the Russians, has been accused of dodging the enemy and has been notified, according to reports, that Japanese honor demands that he commit suicide. It must be pleasant to hold office in Japan!

Those who do not approve of bathing as a hygienic practice should have the tact to keep it to themselves. A Chicago doctor who disapproves of it and boasts that he has not indulged in six years, has been severely censured and threatened with expulsion from the National Eclectic Medical association. Possibly the medical thought that even if the bath is not good for us a doctor who knows it ought to be the last to tell it.

An effort is being made to induce Bandit Raisuli to come to the world's fair as an exhibit, but there are probably enough robbers there now, not counting the hoodlums.

GOES TO MISSOURI

MR. ED HUBBARD TO LOCATE
IN NEW MADRID.

Attorney Ed Hubbard and family will leave this afternoon on the steamship Rees Lee for New Madrid, Mo., to locate.

Mr. Hubbard will go into partnership with Attorney Tom Brown, former partner at Princeton, Caldwell county, and the two hope to do well in Missouri. Mr. Hubbard was revenue collector here for several years and later took up the practice of law. He is well known, a popular and generally liked young man and his many friends here will wish him success.

PAUL MORTON

DECLINES TO DISCUSS WHETHER
OR NOT HE WAS OFFERED
CABINET PORTFOLIO.

Chicago, June 21.—Concerning the rumor that President Roosevelt tendered the navy portfolio to Paul Morton, second vice president of the Santa Fe, the latter said today: "Any statement on that subject should come from the president. It's a high honor indeed, something I believe the president would prefer I did not discuss."

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WANTED TIME TO
GET VACCINATEDSeveral Persons Who Had Re-
fused Arraigned in Court.

Walter Sullivan Fined \$20 For Throwing a Brick—Street Car Fight Investigated.

OTHER POLICE COURT NEWS

Walter Sullivan, white, got drunk last night and in a frenzied state of mind hurled a brick through the partition doors of the Sam Gott saloon on North Fourth street. Judge Sanders fined him \$20 and full costs this morning.

The cases against Mr. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. William Wade, Mr. Tucker, Will Resington, Will Ferguson and Albert Perry, all residents of South Third street in the vicinity of the smallpox in that end of the city, were arraigned for not having their children vaccinated or not undergoing the operation themselves. Several produced certificates that they had been vaccinated while others wanted time to get vaccinated and Judge Sanders continued the case until tomorrow. Those who held certificates were dismissed.

Joe Chenell, white, who runs a stand on market, drew his knife on some fellow on market, it is alleged, and this morning was fined \$3 and costs on motion of the prosecuting attorney.

Abe Marcoffski, the saloon keeper, was fined \$10 and costs for keeping open his saloon on the Sabbath.

Fred Page and C. W. Hamilton, white, were fined \$1 and costs each for drunkenness.

The two cases against George Brown, white, for a breach of the peace, were continued until tomorrow.

The breach of the peace case against Clark Watson, white, was continued until tomorrow morning.

Frank McMannus and John Doyle white, who had a fight on a street car Sunday afternoon late, were fined in police court this morning. McMannus was using profane language on the car in hearing of Mrs. Doyle and Doyle tried to make him stop only to receive more abuse, it is stated. He thrashed the young man and was this morning fined \$5. McMannus was fined \$20 and costs, the costs against both to be divided.

New Use for Electricity.

A new game has been recently devised which is in reality electric bat-tledore and shuttlecock. The two players each hold a wand which has been electrified by friction. The shuttlecock is represented by a butterfly made of colloidion. The latter is thrown into the air, and as it is approached by either of the wands it is repelled by electrical action and goes skimming through the air away from the wand. In this way the butterfly is sent hither and thither without being touched.

Salvation Army Girl in Luck.

Joe P. Kerr and James Leslie, two wealthy oil men of Bradford, Pa., sat in the lobby of a hotel in Lima, O., the other evening when a Salvation Army girl came in and passed her tambourine. "I'll chip in \$5, Jim," said John. "Go you, Jack," said James. They began tossing \$5 bills into the tambourine in turn, then wrote checks for the same amount until the tambourine held \$500. "Guess that's enough, Jack; let's stop," said James. "Go you, Jim," said John, and they adjourned.

Squirrel Disables Engine.

A half dozen men worked all one day in a Greenwood (Me.) mill recently trying to get it started, and two of them continued the next day. In despair they took the engine to pieces, aside the cylinder were several quarts of nuts, bits of bark and other fine stuff. A squirrel had gone in through the exhaust pipe and had discovered an excellent place for a winter storehouse.

Natives Spread Gospel.

The native agency in the missions of the American board has increased in number during the last decade from 2,600 to 3,581. This is in accordance with its settled policy of raising up native teachers to spread the gospel among their own people.

Revision.

A dear little kindergartner, pupil, not teacher, made a distinct impression by her answer to the question, "Who was George Washington?" She said he was first in war, second in peace, and third in the hearts of all his countrymen.—Minneapolis Journal.

Horn to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Houser of South Eleventh street, a son.

BATTERED HULK
IS MOORED HERECapt. Coffin's Prediction Veri-
fied Yesterday.

Several Thousand Dollars Will Be Necessary to Repair the Chattanooga.

WILL GO ON THE WAYS

The wreck of the steamer Chattanooga was brought in early last evening by the tow boats that had been pumping on her, and is now moored at the foot of Washington street, ready to go on the ways.

The big steamer seems in a bad way, and it looks as if it were impossible to raise a boat in such a fix, but she was. She is covered with the rough timbers used to bulkhead her, and with a canvas that almost completely envelopes her.

The steamer, as told yesterday, was floated before noon, and was towed out on the ways, and it is claimed made as good as new. It is not known how much it cost to raise her, but it is claimed about \$2,000. It will cost five or six thousand, at least to put her in good condition.

The Chattanooga, it will be remembered, was sunk at Big Chain several weeks ago by running on to the rocks, and most of the river men who saw her predicted she would be a total loss. She was running in the Paducah and Chattanooga trade, and most of her \$2,500 cargo was saved.

Captain Sam Coffin, of the Cincinnati Underwriters, who held the \$12,000 insurance on her, said from the first that the boat could be raised. "When Captain Coffin says a boat can be raised," declared a prominent river man today, "you can count on it that she can. He is the best ever. He can tell every time, and while I was told by many experienced men who saw the wreck that it would be impossible to raise her, when I heard that Captain Coffin said that she could, I concluded she would be raised—and there she is."

The insurance company will save several thousand dollars by raising the boat. The cargo has to pay half the expense of raising her, and the owners one third of the cost of putting her back in good shape. Had she not been raised it would have cost the underwriters \$12,000. It will probably be several weeks before the boat is ready again to run.

MARION WANTS IN

ILLINOIS TOWN AMBITIOUS TO
GET INTO K. I. T. LEAGUE.

Marion, Ill., wants to get into the K. I. T. league and is said to be located in such a position that patronage can be drawn from several towns nearby, all connected with electric railroad. No franchise is for sale and in all probability Marion will not be able to get in the league this season.

Colonel John K. Hendrick went to Benton this morning to attend the winding up of Marshall circuit court.

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